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R 271535Z JUN 78  
FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY ALGIERS  
INFO AMEMBASSY LONDON  
AMEMBASSY RABAT  
AMCONSUL TANGIER

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E.O. 11652:N/A

TAGS: EWWT, AG

SUBJECT:MARITIME DISASTER, U.S.-FLAG VESSEL YELLOWSTONE

REF: TANGIER 3990

1. U.S. COAST GUARD IS CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION, WHICH COMMENCED JUNE 19 IN NEW YORK, INTO JUNE 12 COLLISION BETWEEN U.S.-FLAG VESSEL S.S. YELLOWSTONE AND ALGERIAN VESSEL M/V IBN BATOUTA (REFTEL).
  2. SINCE COLLISION OCCURRED IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS, COAST GUARD HAS NO AUTHORITY TO REQUIRE TESTIMONY FROM CREW MEMBERS OF IBN BATOUTA. LACK OF TESTIMONY FROM IBN BATOUTA CREW MEMBERS LIMITS ABILITY OF COAST GUARD
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TO DETERMINE CAUSE OF CASUALTY.

3. THEREFORE, IF EMBASSY PERCEIVES NO OBJECTION, EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO APPROACH APPROPRIATE ALGERIAN AUTHORITIES AND REQUEST THAT THEY PROVIDE U.S. COAST GUARD WITH COPY OF ANY REPORT ON THE CASUALTY AND ANY EVIDENTIARY MATERIAL AVAILABLE TO GOA. EMBASSY SHOULD STRESS THAT USG IS RE-

QUESTING THIS INFORMATION IN INTEREST OF PROMOTING SAFETY  
OF LIFE AND PROPERTY AT SEA AND PREVENTING RECURRENCE OF  
CASUALTIES. EMBASSY SHOULD ALSO INFORM GOA AUTHORITIES

THAT UPON COMPLETION OF COAST GUARD INVESTIGATION, COPY  
OF U.S. INVESTIGATION REPORT WILL BE FORWARDED TO  
ALGERIAN AUTHORITIES.

4. FYI. (BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) EMBASSY SHOULD  
OF COURSE DETERMINE WHICH GOA AUTHORITIES IT IS APPRO-  
PRIATE TO APPROACH IN THIS MATTER. HOWEVER, DEPARTMENT  
AND COAST GUARD OFFICERS HAVE FOUND M.S. TIGHILT,  
DEPUTY DIRECTOR, MERCHANT NAVY, TO BE PARTICULARLY  
COOPERATIVE AND FRIENDLY AT MEETINGS OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL  
MARITIME CONSULTATIVE ORGANIZATION (IMCO). END FYI.  
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